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NOTES.

It will be a matter of interest to all those familiar with the Universities' Settlement in East London, known as Toynbee Hall, to learn that a similar institution is about to be established in Boston under the auspices of the Andover Theological Seminary. "Andover House" is designed to stand for the idea of *resident* study and work in the neighborhood of social destitution and want where it is to be located. A secondary, though important, object is to create a centre for those within reach for social study and practical discussion, lectures being arranged for this purpose. The institution will be under the direction of Robert Archey Woods, author of "English Social Movements,"* who has carefully prepared himself by an investigation of the social conditions and social work not only in London and other English and Scotch towns, but in Paris as well.

Two circulars have been issued defining the aims of the founders of the new institution.

THE question of decimal coinage, weights and measures has been taken up again in England. An organization, under the name "Decimal Association," has been formed, and is actively engaged in spreading information on the subject, The agitation centres, for the present, about the currency. The association has declared for no specific decimal unit, but simply for the decimalization of the currency. In an interesting address by Mr. Wm. Alex. Smith on Decimal Coinage, Weights and Measures, an instructive account of the movement towards the decimal system in other countries and in England is given. It is shown that "every civilized nation on the earth," except Great Britain, has adopted a

* New York : Charles Scribner's Sons, 1891.

decimal system of currency. The plan which most meets the author's approval is the florin plan, taking the present florin or two-shilling piece as the basis, and dividing it into 100 farthings instead of 96, as heretofore. This would give the simple system $1\text{ }£ = 10 \text{ florins} = 1000 \text{ farthing}$. It will be seen that such a sch  me adapts itself to the present system—one of the first requisites of a new plan. The arguments in favor of a decimal system of coinage, weights and measures are well stated. The author calls attention to the economizing of time to be expected not only in actual business life, but especially in the education of children.

“THE Eleventh Census,” by Hon. Robert P. Porter, is a separate edition of the recent address by the Superintendent of the Census before the American Statistical Association. It is a valuable record of the scope of the census work, giving some account of its extent, especially as compared with the census of 1880, and the methods of work adopted under the present organization of the bureau. It shows marked progress in the present census, not only in the field covered, but more especially in the greater detail in which the results are presented. As an appendix, this pamphlet contains a classified list of bulletins already issued.

MR. MELVILLE E. INGALLS, JR., is preparing a monograph on the impeachment trials that have taken place, both under the national government and in the individual states. He desires to include every case, under the colonies, the states and the national government where there has been a distinct attempt at impeachment, whether there has been a trial or not. As the material on this subject is very scanty and extremely difficult to discover, he will be much indebted for any suggestion of a case not included in the following list:

Addison, Pa., 1803; Adelbert Ames, Miss., 1876; G. G. Barnard, N. Y., 1874; W. W. Belknap, U. S., 1876; Wm. Blount, U. S., 1877; Botkin, Kan.; Richard Busteed, U. S., 1874; D. Butler, Neb., 1871;

Cardozo, Miss., 1876; Samuel Chase, U. S., 1804; M. Copeland, Mass., 1807; Davis, Miss., 1876; Mark H. Delahey, U. S., 1873; R. C. Dorn, N. Y., 1853; C. A. Edmonds, Mich., 1872; T. N. Frazier, Tenn., 1867; J. Gillespie, Neb., 1871; Wm. Greenleaf, Mass., 1788; J. H. Hardie, Cal., 1862; W. H. Holden, N. C., 1870; F. Hopkinson, Pa., 1780; L. Hubbell, Wis., 1853; W. H. Humphreys, U. S., 1860; Wm. Hunt, Mass., 1794; Huntington, Ohio, 1808; G. S. Hillyer, Kan., 1862; T. Irwin, U. S., 1859; A. Jackson, Mo., 1850; Thomas Jefferson, U. S.; Andrew Johnson, U. S., 1868; John C. Mather, N. Y., 1853; J. Nicholson, Pa., 1794; Pease, Ohio, 1808; Peters, Pa.; J. H. Peck, U. S., 1826; J. Pickering, U. S., 1803; J. Prescott, Mass., 1821; R. Porter, Pa.; J. W. Robinson, Kan., 1862; C. Robinson, Kan., 1862; Ed. Shippen, Pa.; T. Smith, Pa.; G. W. Smith, N. Y., 1866; George Todd, Ohio, 1808; President Tyler, U. S., 1843; John Vinal, Mass., 1800; John C. Watrous, U. S., 1857; Jasper Yeates, Pa.

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M. LOUBAT has made over to the *Académie des inscriptions et belles lettres* an annual income of one thousand francs, which is to be used to establish a prize of three thousand francs, to be awarded tri-annually to the best *printed* work relating to the history, geography, archeology, ethnography, philology, or numismatics of North America. M. Loubat is a member of the New York Historical Society and a life member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

THE volume of Essays and Monographs by the late Professor Allen, of the University of Wisconsin, which was reviewed in the November number of the ANNALS can be obtained of Professor D. B. Frankenburger, Madison, Wisconsin. The price is \$2.00.